


Remarks

Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-23, and 25-27 are rejected. Claims 6, 15, and 24 are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request allowance of claims 1-27.

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-23, and 25-27 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of co-pending Application No. 10/261,057. Applicants herein submit a terminal disclaimer under 35 CFR 3.73(b) to remove the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. The entire claim set, claims 1-27, is now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-27.

Please feel free to call me to discuss the patentability of the pending claims.

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